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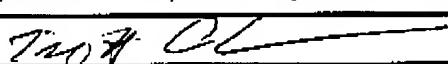
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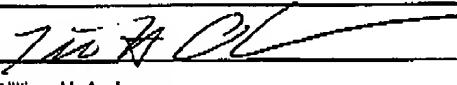
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In re application of Wanner

Serial Number: 10/786,139

Filed: February 26, 2004

For: Mine Sifting Attachment Having Transverse Blades

Attorney Docket No.: NVL 3289

Examiner: Batson, Victor D

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action dated, August 17th, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Substitute the new figure for the original figure.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-4 and 11-14.

1 5. (Currently Amended) In a minesweeper having a two-sided
2 frame adapted to be coupled to and pushed by a tractor and a rake
3 pivoted from each side of the frame by respective pairs of
4 coupling bars of different lengths so that as the rake moves away
5 from the frame to bury itself in the soil, the coupling bars
6 rotate it to a less aggressive digging angle that prevents the
7 rake from stalling the tractor,
8 means connected to the frame for catching and sifting mines,
9 soil, rocks and other objects buried in the soil passing over the